A YEAR FULL OF FIRSTS

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Philanthropy

In both Fall and Spring, the fundraising and service efforts of the URI Greek Community established records that will be hard to top. The Fall's Philanthropy Week was entertaining and engaging. Chapters worked together to complete a build project for the South County Habitat for Humanity, and enjoyed fundraising programs held by the IFC & Panhel such as "So You Think You Can Dance?" and "Greek Idol". By the end of the week, our Greeks raised over $77,000 for our local Habitat for Humanity!

By the time Spring came around, fundraising had begun for the first annual RhodyThon. We could not be more proud of the Greek Community's contribution to this event: we were able to raise over $160,000 for our university’s first dance marathon, which set a national record for first-year programs of its kind. We can't wait to see what next year brings!

Setting Goals and Breaking Records
Welcoming Chapters

When we all return to campus in the fall, our Greek Community will have three new chapters involved in formal recruitment. We are excited to have Delta Phi Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Mu, and Tau Epsilon Pi representing our community values and expanding their influence at URI.

URI's two newest fraternities (shown below) were granted IFC affiliation in unanimous votes after showing dedication in philanthropy and commitment to bolstering their national standards and our community values.

Our campuses newest sorority (above) has gone above and beyond in the Spring semester: so far as to earn the Sorority Philanthropy Award and the Sorority Leadership award at the annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet last month!
Changing Tides
"A single breaker may recede; but the tide is evidently coming in."
- Thomas Babington Macaulay

"I am so honored to have served as president for such an incredible board. We have seen growth and massive accomplishments that no other Panhellenic and IFC council has previously seen. We have mandated sexual assault prevention training and incorporated substance abuse training as well. We also helped start the first ever Rhodython, raising the most amount of money any first year dance marathon has ever seen in US history. These accomplishments have made us a community bigger than ourselves. We have taken steps to be a more inclusive community and hope to grow even further in this area in the future. URI Greek Life has shown the strength to be the best in New England year after year, serving as a role model for others around us. We have seen change and challenge, and continuously stepped up to face it head on. I have full confidence that next years board will do exactly the same thing."
- Hailey Flavin Panhel President '17-'18

"Looking back at this year, it is just another testament to the level of excellence that we hold ourselves to every year. From the NGLA Awards to our success in risk management and philanthropy on a weekly basis, it truly is a wonder to watch! As the Class of 2018 leaves, we are confident that the community will continue to thrive under the new incoming IFC and Panhel Boards. Thank you for such an amazing opportunity and year. Best of luck in the Fall!"
- JT Oldham IFC President '17-'18
Changing Tides

"You can judge a leader by the size of the problem he/she tackles. Other people can cope with the waves, it's his/her job to watch the tide." - Antony Jay

"As an InterFraternal Council, I would love to help mend the current image of Greek communities by continuing to bolster the highest standards here at URI. Showcasing our philanthropic efforts year after year, and building upon our leadership and the four core values of our council is a pivotal step in emphasizing the impact we want to have on the URI community. With the help of the Panhellenic Council, our goal is to lead the Greek community to be the best they can be, and live up to the values and strengths of their individual organizations."

- Sean Sutherland IFC President '18-'19

As a Panhellenic community, I hope we have our most efficient, inspiring, and fun year yet at URI! I cannot wait to introduce Greek Life to Circle of Sisterhood, a philanthropic endeavor taken on by Panhel and IFC to spread awareness and raise money to send young girls in developing countries back to school. Every year URI does phenomenal philanthropic work and I would love for our community to raise enough funds to actually build a school for this cause!

- Laura Creese Panhel President '18-'19
Greeks of the Month!

Max O'Connell currently serves as the President of Tau Kappa Epsilon. He surely makes the most of the community around URI, managing time between engineering, campus involvement, coaching youth wrestling, and enjoying the wonderful waves Rhode has to offer. After learning much from recruitment and being treasurer of his fraternity, he plans on dedicating his time next semester to our URI Greek Life core value of Service.

Brandon Duffy - "Greek life has been a great medium for me to continue providing service and involvement in my community. Since I am a volunteer firefighter at home in New Jersey, representing something bigger than myself and building towards a common goal are things I have a passion for and what I'm grateful AXA has allowed me to do. Being able to do this while surrounded by so many leaders helps enable me to do as much as I can to make a positive impact at URI."

Ryan Whitman - "Involvement in my chapter and the Greek community has shown me the huge value Greek Life has to offer. Since joining Delta Chi I have held many positions and have worked hard to grow my chapter with a solid foundation for success. My goal as president is to increase campus outreach and foster an environment that upholds our chapter values. This community has given me the opportunity to grow in so many positive ways and is the reason I strive to make an impact on all its members."

A Word from the Authors: Aiden Keene and Sophie Dellerman

"It was a truly rewarding experience to re-create the Christopher House Chronicles this year. We feel it was our pleasure to promote all the amazing events, individuals, and accomplishments of the Greek Community at the University of Rhode Island. One of our favorite memories was representing URI Greek Life at the annual NGLA conference to be recognized with awards for our outstanding work, and also take home lessons and values for our councils and chapters. We couldn’t be more excited to see what Neni and Kaitlin bring to the table next year!"